



## GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

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### **BEACH ADVISORY**

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that the Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program, which evaluates weekly water quality at popular swimming beaches throughout the Territory, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at the 33 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 27-31, 2014. The following beaches **meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing**:

#### **St. Croix**

Stony Ground  
Dorsch  
Protestant Cay  
Chenay Bay  
Buccaneer  
Davis Bay

Cane Bay  
Cramer Park  
Rainbow  
Shoy's  
New Fort (Ft. Louise  
Augusta)

Frederiksted Public Beach  
Pelican Cove (Comorant)  
Princess (Condo Row)  
Halfpenny  
Grapetree Bay

#### **St. Thomas**

Magen's Bay  
Vessup Bay  
Bluebeards  
Coki Point  
Secret Harbor

Frenchman's Bay  
Lindberg Bay  
Hull Bay  
Brewer's Bay

Linquist  
Bolong Bay

**St. John**

Cruz Bay  
Oppenhiemer  
Great Cruz Bay  
Johnson's Bay

\* Note: Hart Bay on St. John could not be accessed at the time of sample collection.

However, the following beaches **DO NOT MEET THE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SWIMMING OR FISHING:**

**St. Thomas**

Water Bay  
Sapphire

In anticipation of heavy rains this weekend, DPNR advises the public to refrain from using areas that are affected by storm-water runoff until these effects subside. Parents are advised to instruct their children to keep away from storm-water-impacted beaches as well as areas with manholes and storm-water flooding.

There may be an elevated health risk to anyone swimming in storm-water-impacted areas as a result of increased concentrations of bacteria. All persons should also be aware that storm-water runoff may also contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm-water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins).

DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted areas and waters. For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix.